

Pioneer Businessman, J. R. Higgins Jr., Dies

J. R. (Bob) Higgins Jr., a pioneer Torrance businessman, died Monday in a Torrance hospital.

Mr. Higgins, one of the founders and the vice-president and general manager of the Higgins Brick and Tile Co., had been a life-long resident of the area. His home was in Palos Verdes Estates.

A graduate of Gardena High School, Mr. Higgins was a member of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce for more than 38 years and had been honored by the Chamber in 1961 for his service to the community.

He was a member of the Redondo Beach Elks Club

and was active in both Boy Scout and Little League activities, as well as numerous other civic groups.

Surviving Mr. Higgins are his wife, Marie; a daughter, Mrs. Harold Black of Torrance; a son, J. R. Higgins III of Torrance; a brother, Walter of Gardena; a sister, Mrs. Sheldon Loughborough of Inglewood; his mother, Mrs. Marie Higgins; and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Number of milk cows and heifers in the United States two years and older was down three and a half percent during 1967.

Northrop To Join Hi-Shear

John K. Northrop, pioneer aircraft designer and executive, has accepted election to the board of Hi-Shear Corp., Torrance aircraft fastener manufacturer, it was announced by George S. Wing, Hi-Shear president.

Co-founder and former president of the aircraft company bearing his name, Northrop has also made substantial contributions to such notable aircraft as the Lockheed Vega and early Douglas aircraft, as well as the Northrop Alpha, P-61, Flying Wing, F-89 and Snark.

Chadwick Transition Praised

Chadwick School's transition from a boarding-day to a country day school has been accomplished with ease and has been in full swing for the past week says C. Brett Boocock, headmaster.

Commenting on Chadwick's new role as a country day school, the 38-year-old headmaster stated, "Because we will no longer use the many buildings on the campus for after school and weekend activities, necessary to the boarding program for the past thirty-three years, we can now offer the community a part of the school's internal atmosphere. We are looking forward to Chadwick School becoming more and more involved in community affairs, both on the Peninsula and surrounding areas."

Along these lines, the school will open its facilities to the Spanish Section of the Modern Language Association of Southern California for an Executive Committee meeting. Attending the meeting will be Peninsula residents who are members of the Association, as well as residents from other areas of the South Bay and the UCLA campus.

Daigh Named To Committee

Harrison Daigh, chairman of the Board of Directors at South Bay Hospital, has been appointed to the Coast Area Hospital Planning Committee of the Health Planning Association of Southern California.

Daigh joins other public representatives, physicians, and hospital administrators in the non-profit organization which functions in the Coastal area to promote the most effective distribution of health facilities.

Adult Schools Plan Meeting

Raymond Collins, principal of Torrance Evening High School, will attend a conference for the California Association of Adult Education Administrators in Oakland Nov. 4 through 7.

Kathleen Stewart

Funeral services for Kathleen Minnie Stewart, 4127 W. 172nd St., were conducted yesterday afternoon at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Burial was in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Mrs. Stewart, a resident of the area for 16 years, was born Sept. 25, 1917, in Canada. She died Sunday in a Lomita hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Robert of Torrance; a daughter, Dianne Poynter of Buena Park; and a son, Robert D. Stewart of Granada Hills.

Roman Pryor

Funeral services for Roman David Pryor, of 2605 W. Carson St., were conducted this morning at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Burial was in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mr. Pryor, a resident of the area for 22 years, died Sunday. He was born July 27, 1917, in Chicago, Ill.

Surviving Mrs. Pryor are his widow, Helen; three sons, David, Robert, and Joseph; two brothers, Joseph Piatt and Frank Bialis; a sister, Lillian Stasiak; and three grandchildren, all of Torrance.

The Torrance Foursquare Gospel Church and the Torrance Masonic Lodge officiated at the services.

Marcus Bloom

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel for Marcus Bloom, of 2800 W. 141st Place, Gardena.

A resident of the area for 23 years, Mr. Bloom was born June 19, 1900, in Manchester, England. He died Sunday.

Surviving Mr. Bloom are a sister, Sylvia Bloom of Los Angeles, and four nephews.

Rabbi Jerome A. Unger will officiate the rites. Burial will be in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Ambulance, Car Crash; Three Hurt

On ambulance en route to an emergency call collided head-on with a car Monday on 190th Street near Hawthorne Boulevard. The mishap demolished both vehicles and sent three persons to the hospital.

Ambulance driver Richard A. Fuller, 25, of Gardena, told police he was headed west on 190th Street on the left side of the center divider, attempting to pass stopped vehicles. Fuller said he had his siren and red lights turned on.

Driver of the second vehicle, 18-year-old Thomas A. Parks, of Palos Verdes Peninsula, was headed east on 190th Street when he saw the ambulance coming toward him in the wrong lane. Parks claims that the ambulance siren was not functioning.

PARKS AND his passenger, Wayne Cate, 18, also of Palos Verdes, were both taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital. Cate sustained a 4-inch laceration on his left arm, which severed an artery. He also suffered a fractured right wrist and a dislocated left shoulder.

Cate was reported in fair condition Tuesday.

Fuller was also taken to Little Company of Mary for treatment of injured ribs.

Investigating officers have recommended that a complaint be sought against Fuller for driving the ambulance left of the center divider without his emergency siren operating.

Contract Let

A landscaping contract for 3.8 miles along the San Diego Freeway has been awarded to David Akashi of Culver City. The State Department of Public Works will pay Akashi \$305,767.30 to landscape the 3.6 mile stretch of freeway between Alameda Street near Long Beach and a 0.2 mile stretch south of Main Street.

Maurice Evans

Graveside services for Maurice Evans, who died last Thursday, were conducted yesterday at Green Hills Memorial Park with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Evans, a native of Nebraska, was born Dec. 3, 1881. He lived at 22035 S. Vermont and had been in the area for six years.

He is survived by a brother, Arthur, and a sister, Elizabeth Evans, both in Nebraska; and a nephew, Harold Evans of Glendora, Calif.

Marva Warrick

Funeral services for Marva Warrick, of 22224 S. Vermont Ave., will be conducted in McGehee, Ark., with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Warrick, who lived in the area for five years, was born Nov. 15, 1937, in North Carolina. She died last Friday.

Surviving Mrs. Warrick are her husband, Otho of Torrance; three sons, Terry, Larry, and Jerry, and a daughter, Mary Lou, all in Ohio; a sister, Iona Miller, and a brother, William E. Sparks, both in Ohio; and her father, Walter Sparks of Florida.

Airplane Believed Embezzled

A Piper Cherokee airplane valued at \$15,000 is believed to have been embezzled from its owner.

William W. Carpenter, 32, of 2086 W. 262nd St., Lomita, told police he loaned the craft to a Manhattan Beach man Sept. 12 and has not seen the plane since.

The suspect, Ted Xanthis, 35, of 231 Johnson St., Manhattan Beach, allegedly told Carpenter that he would take the plane to Coyote, Calif., for a few days.

Carpenter told police Xanthis took off from Torrance Municipal Airport and has not yet returned the blue-and-white craft.

Aquarium Buffs Plan Session

Jack Vince of Long Beach will be the guest speaker to night at a meeting of the Harbor Aquarium Society. The session will be held at the Harbor City Recreation Center, Lomita Boulevard and Frampton Avenue, at 8 p.m.

Vince, a veteran hobbyist and skilled aquarium photographer, will show slides and give tips on making attractive show aquariums.

Plans for the 14th annual Aquarium Show of the Harbor Aquarium Society, slated for Oct. 4, 5, and 6, also will be discussed.

State Tax Distributed

SACRAMENTO — State Controller Houston I. Flournoy has announced the distribution of more than \$54 million in August apportionment of highway users taxes to the city and counties of the state.

The total amount was \$54,064,222.

Flournoy reported Los Angeles County's share was \$3,966,317.03, and Torrance's share was a total of \$94,512.63.

A total of \$13,201,363 went directly to the counties; \$9,837,188 to the cities; and \$30,975,671 for expenditures on state highways.

The funds were derived from the following sources: Gasoline tax, \$47,663,986; diesel fuel tax, \$2,908,186; by transfer from the motor vehicle transportation tax fund, \$2,035,602; and the balance from the miscellaneous sources.

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